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New rules threaten future of Canada Day

by LAURA HENDRICK
Times Staff

Was Sunday's Canada Day celebration the last one in Minden?

A least one local politician is worried that new rules are making such events more trouble than they're worth to organize.

"This may be our last year hosting Canada Day because they make this a totally difficult event," Minden Hills Reeve Jim Mahon said at Wednesday's county council meeting.

One week before Minden threw a birthday party for Canada, the municipality received a letter from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit. It outlined new guidelines that McMahon says the municipality cannot meet.

In the letter, the township was instructed to have proof of rabies vaccination on hand for each animal at the event. This would require certification for the petting zoo animals including a calf, cow, miniature pony and sheep,

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Matt James/TIMES

First mate Justin McKeiver, from Claremont, Ontario, pumps his fist in celebration as he anchors, not in a bad way, the 'Strawbail Whale' captained by Sarah Seitz, as the team drifts down the Gull during Sunday's Crazy River Raft Race. The race was part of the Canada Day festivities taking place in Minden. For more photos from the celebrations, see page 13.

ATV club pulls out of Rail Trail deal

by LAURA HENDRICK
Times Staff

The Rail Trail may be losing its clean-up and warden services just three years after a management partnership between the county and the local ATV club was created.

The county's recent decision to allow Kawartha ATV Association members on the trail has angered local riders and spurred talks of a

backlash. Now, the Haliburton ATV Association is deciding whether to back out of an agreement that puts them in charge of trail maintenance.

"This is just a bad decision," Mark Coles says of council's recent motion. As a member of Haliburton's club, he was frustrated to find that the group's recommendations had been ignored.

The struggle began when riders from the Kawarthas asked to

have their passes recognized in Haliburton. The Rail Trail stretches from Lindsay to Haliburton, forcing riders to buy a pass from two different associations if travelling the length of the trail.

While Haliburton's association was interested eliminating this hassle, members wanted the deal to be a fair trade. The Kawartha area has very few trails, making

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Veterinarian agrees that new rules are over zealous

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as well as the horses involved in the wagon rides.

McMahon said the new precautions are unnecessary and demonstrate a lack of familiarity with agriculture. "I've been in this agricultural business in 25 years, I've never ever recalled any horse, cow or sheep having rabies."

Haliburton veterinarian Laurie Brown said the restrictions were over zealous. She agreed that the petting zoo animals should have proof of vaccination in case animal saliva was to rub off on a child's hand. However, the same rule shouldn't apply to wagon-pulling horses.

"It's not really recognized that horses transmit rabies to humans through their saliva," she said, adding that there hasn't been a case of rabies in the county for at least 10

years or more.

After years of adjusting to food regulations, McMahon thought that the township finally had a handle on the health unit's requests. The Rotary Club, Lion's Club and Car Club have all adjusted their practices to meet health standards.

But this year brought a new onslaught of rules. In addition to the animal regulations, the town is also required to have a hand washing station by the petting zoo. They have also been instructed to ban the radio station Moose FM from serving lemonade at the event.

The regulations have been frustrating for the volunteers who spent months organizing Canada Day events. Although McMahon said he did not expect to meet the restrictions under such short notice, cooperation from local farmers and support from Brown prevented any events from being shut down.

Brown contacted the health unit last week and advised that alpacas and wagon-pulling horses not be required to show proof of vaccination. The farmers' association provided a handwashing station, while many participating animal owners obtained proof of vaccination.

The two health inspectors who came to the festivities approved of the effort. McMahon said organizers made it clear to them that volunteers cannot be expected to scramble five days before an event to meet new regulations.

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As a rite of passage, the Grade 8 graduating class of Archie Stouffer Elementary School gathered in the library for one last group photo.

Grads end one journey to begin another

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The blue programs provided to families upon entering Archie Stouffer Elementary School for the Grade 8 graduation were quickly transformed into fans on the eve of a hot and humid June 27.

With their lightweight and airy dresses, the ladies stayed cool compared to the gentlemen dressed in suits. But the soon-to-be grads gathered in the school library for a few photos before heading into the gymnasium for the ceremony and awards presentation.

The ceremony began with the singing of O Canada and vice-principal Peter Ferri welcomed guests and spoke highly of the graduating class.

"I've been very impressed in the way they have taken over here at the school," said Ferri of the young men and women's daily routines at school. "This is just the beginning to higher education."

Following two motivating speeches by the director of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Kathy Verduyn, and Haliburton County trustee Valerie Smith, students from the two Grade 8 classes (A and B) received a handful of various awards.



The ladies' corner was just too strong for the boys this year. From left to right starting with the back row are award winners Mikaela Charlebois, Kaily Schell, Megan McKay, Myia Newton, Katie Findeis, Sasha White and Rebecca Northey. Front row from left to right are Kristen Schollig, Tara O'Sullivan, Teghan Dodds, Shannon Mann, and Tyler Gilligan.

After much praise from the teachers to their students, it was time for a little switcheroo, and Prime Ministers' Teghan Dodds and Owen Duhaime, representing the student body, had fellow students, teachers and the crowd laughing loudly as they took a trip up memory lane reciting happenings from kindergarten up to the end of their days at Archie Stouffer.

The special awards were pre-

sented to the following students.

Alan Walker Memorial Award: Shannon Mann

Tim Harrison Memorial Award: Mikaela Charlebois and Tyler Gilligan

Elementary Teacher's Federation (The Art Award): Sasha White and Tara O'Sullivan

Arcadia Masonic Lodge Award: Rebecca Northey

Museum Hills History Award: Kaily Schell and Tara O'Sullivan

CIBC Mathematics Award: Mikaela Charlebois and Teghan Dodds

T.D. Canada Trust English Award: Kaily Schell and Teghan Dodds

ASES French Award: Megan McKay and Myia Newton

Athletics Achievement Award: Tara O'Sullivan

Athletic Sportsmanship Award: Katie Findeis

Horseshow Lake Science and

Technology Award: Mikaela Charlebois and Tyler Gilligan

ASES Geography Award: Kaily Schell and Tyler Gilligan

Sarah Bloomfield Award: Tara O'Sullivan

Sears Award: Kristen Schollig and Tyler Gilligan

Principal All-Round Student Award: Teghan Dodds

The 2007 graduates of Archie Stouffer Elementary School are as follows.

Jesse Alain, Krista-Jade Bamford, Lucy Belli, Cassi -Jo Berry, Taylor Broderick, Gregory Clements, Mikaela Charlebois, Connor Cowan, Marcie Dick, Teghan Dodds, Owen Duhaime, Jazmine Esson, Jade Fisher, Katie Findeis, Ashley Francis, Cassandra Gillam, Tyler Gilligan, Skyla Graham, Ashton Haley, Morgan Harrison, Zachary Harrison, Jesse Hayes, Aaron Hillier, Ryan Hogg, Chanelle Hosken, Brittany Howe, Brady Kent, Joe Kyle, Shannon Mann, Daniel Martin, Megan McKay, Alexa Mckinna, Daniel Merritt, Taylor Milburn, Kevin Nelson, Myia Newton, Rebecca Northey, Tara O'Sullivan, Ashley Ottaway, Kaily Schell, Kirsten Schollig, Mark Vasey, Carleigh Warburton, Travis Watson, Sasha White.

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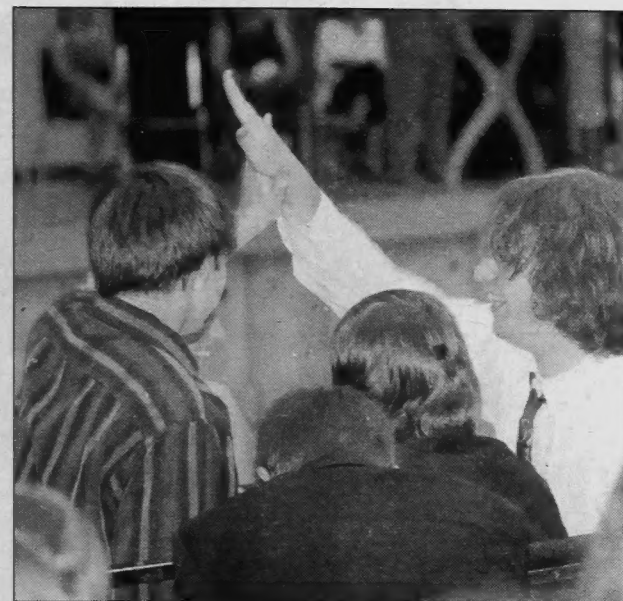
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Reminiscing the past eight years of their lives, this years Prime Ministers' Teghan Dodds and Owen Duhaime shared memories of each grade passed cracking up teachers and the crowd.



Cassandra Gillam spots the camera while her friend Sasha White gets distracted by her girlfriends.



Ryan Hogg and Joe Kyle share a high-5 – good bye Grade 8, hello HHSS



Mikaela Charlebois shares a big smile for the camera before heading into the gymnasium to graduate from Grade 8 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Food For Kids

HALIBURTON COUNTY

A group of nearly 50 Food for Kids volunteers gathered at the Bonnie View to celebrate the end of a successful year. Volunteers enjoyed a lovely afternoon of good company and delicious food. "It is nice to have the food prepared for us for a change," stated one of the volunteers. Food for Kids runs 9 programs in Haliburton County providing over 3500 snacks or breakfasts per week to students. Volunteers are greatly needed to keep the program running. If you enjoy children and have a couple of hours a week to help prepare and deliver healthy foods in your local school, please give Karena call at 457-1311.



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Thank you to all the people who make Food for Kids happen in Haliburton County.

With Thanks,

Karen Phipps, Haliburton Food for Kids County Coordinator

Beaverbrook Golf plans residential condos

Planner says 27 new homes will attract families

by LAURA HENDRICK
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at last Thursday's meeting of Minden Hills council.

Council looked at plans to expand the Beaverbrook Golf and Country Club through an extended course and subdivision housing. The 27 residential lots would overlook the municipality's fairgrounds creating unique opportunities and concerns for property buyers.

"It's just a terrific location," said Remax agent Bill Kulas, who thought the site would be ideal for people with children. The three- to four-bedroom homes described by Kulas would be designed for young retirees and families.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff wasn't convinced that homeowners would consider the proximity of the fairgrounds a perk. "They are aware that they are living next to a public area. It could be very noisy and we don't want them coming back to us saying they didn't know," he said.

The plans are currently being looked at by council.

Ingoldsby landfill

Council is hoping to follow the lead of Highlands East in expanding the footprint of a landfill site to lengthen its lifespan. Just before council voted on a motion to invest \$50,000 of reserve money to turn the Ingoldsby landfill into a transfer station, Bob Romberg urged council to consider new regulations that allow small landfills to be expanded.

"We could get 15 more years out of the site if we did expand it," he said. While he estimated that the total cost of the expansion would be \$200,000, the cost of converting it into a transfer station instead was close behind at \$150,000.

However, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was concerned that ditching plans to make a transfer station, while working toward an expanded dump, could leave nearby residents with no landfill options at all.



Lynn Wynans/TIMES

A newly-planted sugar maple droops to the side at Archie Stouffer Elementary School after it was snapped by vandals. The incident, along with many others around town, has spurred council to look for a new way to stop such destruction.

"What happens if two and a half years down the road, we're told 'too bad, so sad' and we don't have anything?" she asked.

The expansion would rest on the approval of MOE. If the request was rejected after the permit to build a transfer station expired, residents could be forced to drive to Scotch Line to access a landfill.

Romberg noted that leaching was a problem at the Ingoldsby site, which could pose a roadblock to expansion approval.

Council decided to defer the motion to create a transfer station, while the municipality applies for an expansion.

Curbing vandalism in Minden

After an onslaught on vandalism in Minden last week,

Reeve Jim McMahon is determined to put an end to the problem. The fire hall, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and the flower baskets around town have all been recent targets for abuse.

"If it means the video cameras then we're going to have to find the money for this," said McMahon.

Councillor Peter Oyler thought a curfew for youth might be worth considering, while Councillor Barbara Reid asked council to look into web cameras that allow the public to monitor one another online.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Night-time spirit

MINDEN IS A RESILIENT TOWN. Even in the face of widespread vandalism, residents continue to line the streets with flowerbeds and hand-painted banners.

It is inspiring to see how volunteers hang onto such a positive spirit. Less than week after careless destruction swept through Bobcaygeon Road, the fire hall and Archie Stouffer Elementary School, residents filled the streets with music.

The Highlands Wind Symphony performed from the top of Water Street on Friday evening. Residents flocked to the sound with lawn chairs in hand to hear them play. The uplifting live music is set continue each Friday with or without a splash of colour from nearby flowerbeds. Still, it seems unreasonable that the community's efforts toward improvement should constantly be undermined by vandals.

Minden Hills council is looking for a solution. Many ideas are on the table. At last week's meeting council tossed around options such as surveillance cameras, evening curfews and stricter penalties.

Just as the brainstorming session came to an end, Councillor Rick Ratcliff asked one very important question: "Where are the parents?"

The question might be even more important than the timeworn alternative: Who did this?

Breaking newly planted schoolyard trees in half is more than a cheap thrill. It is an act that demonstrates a lack of compassion and a disconnect from the community as a whole. A respect for fellow neighbours begins on the front lawn, not in the back of an OPP cruiser.

For this reason, bringing public enforcement in where parenting left off might not take much of a bite out of vandalism.

The notion of a curfew assumes that parents are at home, offering a loving environment that teenagers pass up for a night on the streets.

Of course not every family has this sort of stability. And not every young person tearing begonias out of a street-corner planter is wrestling with boredom alone.

Community leaders need to keep asking where the parents are. With this in mind, more youth-directed services might be created. If the question is asked enough times, some parents might even be motivated to develop better dialogue and boundaries with their children.

In the meantime, the community could work toward filling the streets at night rather than emptying them.

If any young people in the community have reasons for not wanting to be at home at night, let them step out into a welcoming town.

Perhaps we could capture the spirit that fills Minden by day and rediscover the beauty of the Gull River at night.

It is this perseverance that makes Minden beautiful. Such an admirable commitment to the town doesn't have to go down with the sun each day.

Laura Hendrick

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Sparkle of celebration

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Council shows lack of foresight

To the Editor:

My enjoyment of Canada Day was marred somewhat when I visited Pritchard House, which I often do with friends and visitors to Minden in the summer.

Minden Hills council has decided unilaterally to close Pritchard House and tear it down.

Minden council says the building needs remodelling and upgrading, which is costly, and it apparently is not willing to pay for the renovations as, to the council, Pritchard House is not a priority. In the current building boom in this county, I am sure there are skilled tradesmen who would volunteer some time and skills. There are also Fleming College students with some skills to do some work on such a project (perhaps as part of a school cred-

it). None of these citizens have been asked for help because that is not the problem.

The real problem is the Minden council's lack of foresight and vision. It thinks the building should be torn down to extend the parking lot beside it, a lot that is nearly empty for nine months of the year. With the new Canadian Tire store coming, many houses along Water Street are being torn down, and there will be ample parking space built with the store, so future parking is not an issue. The appearance of the lovely river area as a result of this store will be substantially altered, which makes the preservation of Pritchard House even more important if Minden is not to become an ugly wasteland at that end of town.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The King and I

THESE DAYS I'M SPENDING a lot of late night hours on the Internet. My wife, of course, is horrified. Then again, I wouldn't expect any less. The sites I'm visiting are not the kind of place any family man should visit.

My wife says I have no need to log onto those sites. She says they offer nothing I can't get here at home. She's right. But she's also wrong.

You see, when you play checkers with the same person for more than a few games it eventually gets predictable. But when you play against countless opponents like I do, you never know just whom you are playing against. It could be a beginner or a world champion.

The only way I can tell for sure is if they beat me. I have met literally hundreds of world champions.

The truly sad part is that I've gone my

whole life thinking that checkers was a simple game that old men play to pass the time. I'm learning that it is a game with complexities that rival chess and that the really good players are, quite simply, brilliant.

As you might have guessed, I have my moments. Which wouldn't be so bad if I didn't play for hours.

The other day, however, I set up an opponent for a triple jump that ended in with me gaining a king. Trust me, Paul Henderson's goal had nothing on this. Unfortunately, it's this excitement that keeps you coming back for more.

Honestly, the checkers itself doesn't worry me so much - I'm a

middle-aged man and, so, the urge to jump without effort is quite understandable. It's the people you have to associate with that worry me.

Who knows how many of my Internet checkers partners wear pocket protectors, for example? Or black socks, shorts, and running shoes?

Having said that, my interest in the game is perhaps further proof that we all eventually turn into our parents. My dad was an excellent checkers player maybe even a bit of a shark.

On the plus side, I'm looking at this as a training grounds for when I'm well into my senior years and I'm too old to handle the rigours of Cribbage. I figure if I can get good

enough between now and my 75th birthday, I might become a checkers shark just like dad. I might even make a tidy living playing for support hose and canes. Maybe even pigeon food if I wear a cravat and travel in the right circles.

I know what you're thinking, but let me assure you that I haven't always been this wild. Oh sure, on occasion I dabbled in chess and, yes, the rumors are true, I've read the periodic table on more than once. But that was in the hell-raising days of my youth.

I know I have a problem. So, this evening, with the grace of God, I'll ignore the siren call of that electronic checkerboard. I might even play 31 with my wife just to bring the sizzle back into our relationship.

I suspect feeding pigeons is over-rated anyhow....



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Steve Galea

The stuff of nightmares

A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD. A frantic, arm-waving woman steps into the path of an oncoming car, bringing it to a stop.

She leaps into the car, slams the door. Only then does the driver see the two cougars that have been chasing her.

Imagine that the woman is sobbing. You can imagine anything you want, because the story is no better than third-hand, although it was told to me as fact.

Make up your own details; the tale gets better with each telling around Bobcaygeon, near where it is said to have happened a few days back.

There are things wrong with the story. Cougars are solitary hunters and, like your household tabby, they hunt by stalking and pouncing, not by chasing.

Mind you, most predators will chase anything that runs away from them, which is what the woman in our story might have been doing until the car came along.

The main thing wrong with the story is that there aren't supposed to be cougars within hundreds of miles of Bobcaygeon.

But the stories keep coming. An eastern cougar, a mountain lion, a panther, a painter, a puma, a catamount, a Felis concolor by any other name on our back roads is the stuff of nightmares.

No matter that, where they do exist, cougars are more afraid of us than we of them. Or that the last official sighting in Ontario was in 1884, when a cougar was shot near Creemore, west of Barrie.

There have been hundreds of cougar reports in southern Ontario since then, as many as 500 since 2002, but none of them have stood up to close examination.

The Ontario Puma Foundation says it has documented plenty of cougar sightings but Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources says it has no definitive proof of any that do not involve escaped pets, and only two open investigations.

One, near Sioux Lookout, is a long way from Bobcaygeon. Scat found near Port Colborne still has to be tested to find out whether it comes from the native subspecies or from an escaped pet.

A map on the Puma foundation's website shows Haliburton as a hot spot for cougar sightings. That agrees with local chatter. The Kinmount area is said to be crawling with the big cats. A cougar is said to have hung out at the Lutterworth dump, yet another just beyond the next road north of where I live.

And so the stories go. Bart Hilhorst says Minden's MNR office investigates five or six of them each year. So far, none have panned out.

One of the best of our local legends, always told with great authority, is that the MNR planted cougars here to control the deer population. The same tale is

going around Owen Sound.

Hilhorst says the myth began with six imports and had worked itself up to 36, last he heard. You'd have to be even more suspicious of government than I am to believe any bureaucrat would do something that stupid.

That doesn't mean we don't have cougars. If hundreds of responsible Ontario citizens, including police officers, are seeing cougars, are all of them hallucinating?

On the other hand, if, as the Puma foundation says there are 550 cougars in Ontario, how come none of them has ever been hit by a car, or shot, or photographed? Where are the bodies? Are they that shy?

In Mammals of the Great Lakes Region, Allen Kurta writes that a cougar "forages in rocky terrain or forested areas where white-tailed deer . . . are abundant."

Do you know of anywhere like that?

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

More weight on Water Street will destroy river

To the Editor:

I live at 64 Water Street, I am in a wheelchair, I used to be a building inspector for the town of Burlington, where my job was to inspect road grades and bridges.

From my chair I have witnessed the effects of Water Street on the Gull River with the increased traffic weight and increased weight of vehicles. The effect on the river bank is that it presses down and

out against the river bank particularly when the down gravitational pressure is combined with the centrifugal force pressure generated by a slow turn, like the one from 64 Water Street to Highway 35. This increased pressure is causing the river bank to crumble and fall into the river. It is also causing the tree roots to be separated from their soil from the vibration, and the trees are dying.

When the weight of the vehicles is

increased ten fold which it will be, to haul building materials and service large department stores, the river will be destroyed. Fixing Water Street will be the burden of the Minden taxpayers.

When a river is destroyed it is gone forever. This can be observed by anyone who looks. The people who should have looked are the department of transportation and the department of navigable inland waterways of Ontario. These departments were

never contacted.

Who will speak for the river? Who will speak for the children that played in the river? Who will speak for humanity when the enormous power of greed drives out all reason?

Jeff Pinney
Minden

More letters on pg 8

Students lobby to save Pritchard House

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter to try and save the Pritchard House. Our class had the privilege of visiting this beautiful house and learning the art of weaving. The Pritchard House is a piece of Minden's history that reminds us of the olden days. It is in a great location and welcomes all visitors to Minden to share in this history.

The ladies that work at the Pritchard House taught us a valuable skill. They provided a connection to the past for us. We think it would be a shame to deny other young people this opportunity. The Pritchard House not only provides a place for these ladies to share their time and knowledge, it also allows local artisans to promote their talents.

As concerned citizens of Minden we wonder if the future plans for this site will provide as much opportunity, education and history as the Pritchard House does now. Where will the weavers go?

Please do not tear down the Pritchard House.

Mr. M. Holness, Mrs. C. Little, Mrs. K. Lytle and students
Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Plunder of Pritchard House would be 'a travesty'

The following letter was first sent to Minden Hills council.

On behalf of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, I wish to express our dismay that Minden Hills council is considering tearing down the Pritchard House.

This building represents a connection to our past and is a significant asset to downtown Minden. We feel that it would be a travesty to plunder this wonderful cultural resource.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners presented to the municipality a design to landscape the property. As well as beautifying the building, the design is intended to create a teaching

garden for residents and visitors to Minden. We feel that this will further enhance the value of this community resource.

The gardens will be created and maintained by the Master Gardeners at no cost to the municipality. This will be made possible through our plant sales and fundraising events.

We cannot express strongly enough our feelings to save this unique, irreplaceable building. There has to be a way to save it.

Susan Sheehan, Coordinator
Haliburton County Master Gardeners

Show some pride

from page 6

Pritchard House is a pleasant spot for tourists to visit too. It has a gift shop that showcases the work of many artists in the county. It gives lessons in weaving and rug making. It also participates in educational work teaching students the skills of its members. It is a community of women, who create an oasis of quiet and beauty in pleasant surroundings. Its central location in the old house sends a message that the local craftspeople and the business they bring to the county are important and respected, that pride in Minden's heritage is a priority, not only in a museum but in a building alive with creative activity and productive people.

So where are the supporters for these women? Where are the tradesmen stepping up to the plate to solve the problem? Where are the citizens demanding from their council a small measure of pride, some vision and common sense, not to mention some consultation and democratic decision-making? Instead, we get the current display of council's patronizing disinterest in the work of these women, its proposed destruction of a heritage building, its persistent example of decision-making without inclusion of community members affected, and its total lack of ideas. And this nonsensical disruption of the work and business at Pritchard House is all for a few parking spots!

Laurel MacDowell
Stanhope

Canadian Tire is good for Minden

To the Editor:

I finally have to have my say. I think the Canadian Tire will be good for Minden. Regarding the trucks on Water

Street, I wonder how long the people on that street have lived there.

We have been in the Minden area 51 years and have not once complained, about trying to get past trucks on Main Street, or in front of the good old furniture store. No one ever gives guidance to traffic, but we make it by every time.

Please let progress continue.

G. Gillies
Minden

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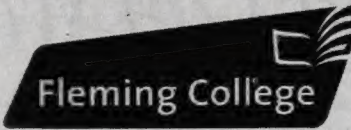
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Perma-Frost dug deep to save centre

To the Editor:

We are writing to extend our best wishes to the Frost Centre Institute, and to expand on the role of the public in the re-opening of the Frost Centre.

The grassroots campaign to Save the Frost Centre was led by Perma-Frost, a broad coalition of local residents, outdoor educators, labour activists, and provincial and national environmental organizations. The Haliburton County Community Co-operative gave Perma-Frost administrative and financial support. Environment Haliburton! gave Perma-Frost website support. Perma-Frost gathered many of the 15,000 signatures on the petition that our MPP, Laurie Scott, presented to the provincial legislature. Perma-Frost wrote and co-ordinated the adoption of an Open Letter to the Premier which was signed by a number of prominent Canadians, including Elizabeth May and David Suzuki, and 63 organizations representing hundreds of thousands of Ontario citizens. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce created the on-line petition, where people wrote moving accounts of their experiences at the Centre.

All the people and organizations who played a part in

that grassroots campaign are too numerous to mention, but we would like to recognize a few: Carol Moffatt, who called the first public meeting; Penny Obee, then Chair of Friends of the Frost Centre; our own Martha Perkins, who wrote countless articles (remember the SAVE THE FROST! insert in the Times?); the passionate Cathy Olliffe, Frost Centre sign watchdog and David Suzuki pursuer, who created the graphics for the billboard at the corner of Bay and Gerrard in Toronto; Jan and Dave Heaven, who worked tirelessly organizing, lobbying, cajoling, persisting; Josh Matlow, a trustee on the Toronto District School Board, who strategized with us and organized the rally at Queen's Park; Frank Wilson, who found billboard space in Toronto; Anne Barnes and the folks on the shores of Lake St. Nora, who created and donated the signs; Brian Ross, of Pool, Spa and Sauna Showroom in Bracebridge, who used his advertising spots to decry the closure; Brigitte Gall, Ron James and David Archibald who gave fund-raising concerts.

After two long months of persistent expressions of public outrage, the provincial government announced the for-

mation of the Working Committee. Perma-Frost members (including Jan and Dave Heaven, Barrie Martin, Heather Ross, Doug Smith and Norm Thomas) continued to represent the public's concern by attending the meetings. As the months rolled by, they were invited to contribute to the committee's deliberations. It is indisputable that the committee's primary recommendation - that the Frost Centre not be sold - reflected public opinion.

In the summer of 2006, when it became known that the government had invited two organizations to submit proposals to manage the Frost Centre, Perma-Frost, in partnership with Minden United Church, held a Community Forum where the two proponents, the Friends of the Frost Centre and the Frost Centre Institute, described their vision for the Frost Centre to the public.

To review all these events you can visit Perma-Frost's archives at <http://environmenthaliburton.ca/test/id91.htm>

Perma-Frost's goal was to have the Frost Centre re-opened. It has been re-opened. We salute everyone who contributed to that outcome, and we encourage people to get involved in the future to protect what they value. It can be hard work, but it can also be satisfying, and it might even be successful!

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LET'S KEEP HALIBURTON GREEN

'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm'

by MELANIE SHAPIERA
2007 HHSS Valedictorian

It is with a proud and excited heart that I stand here today with my graduating class, at the beginning of the rest of our lives. Today marks the point in which we all diverge onto separate paths, to pursue a life for ourselves. In the coming months and years, we will need to show ambition and enthusiasm to accomplish new and exciting heights.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." From our four years at Hal High, I believe our graduating class has learned a tremendous amount about enthusiasm and the feats one can accomplish if energy and goodwill are constantly applied.

Of course, enthusiasm doesn't just come from students. It comes from every staff member in our school. Our principal, teachers, guidance counselors, secretaries, EAs, and custodians alike at Hal High have given us daily examples of having great energy and drive in everyday life.

Our principal Mr. Brohman is our school leader in his demonstration of enthusiasm for our school community. He has made us all feel special at one time or another by singling us out to say hello in the halls or noticing something we have done. We matter to him. Without someone of Mr. Brohman's caliber at the head of our school, this graduating class would not have accomplished all that it has been able to do in the last four years.

Our graduating class has shown great diversity of talent over the years, which has created many memories that will last forever. Our school's drive has allowed this class to achieve great things in the fields of academics, arts, and sports. Success comes in many forms for different types of students and I think everyone sitting here in the graduating class has achieved tremendous personal success by earning the right to be here tonight.

To play on a team or in an individual sport takes a lot of enthusiasm. Anyone watching a Red Hawk game could be sure that our team would always show good sportsmanship and team spirit. It is this kind of spirit and energy that real-



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's graduating class of 2007.

ly rallies people together in life, and it instills a sense of appreciation in all surrounding people.

Our graduating class also has a strong artistic contingent that includes drama, art and music students. It is so exciting to see our school being made more vibrant and alive by the work of such talented artists. These students have put so much of themselves into the school that they inspire us to do the same. The murals and collections of art make our school as unique as the people who create them.

The other area of our arts talent comes from our amazing

music program at Hal High. A huge amount of practice, determination, and energy goes into any successful Hal High band and because of this, Hal High has been recognized across the country at various music festivals. The Jazz ensemble in particular has earned a gold standard twice out of the past four years at a national level.

Our school also shows great enthusiasm when it comes to social events. Sunship Earth is a program that always gathers a large following among biology students in our school. Our biology students convey their own eagerness towards the kids and teach them about the environment and how to treat it properly.

Our SAC has been so fantastic over the past four years with coming up with unique new ideas that make our school life more fun and exciting.

It is time to start thinking about how we are going to change over the next few years. We have a duty to try to effect positive change in the world after we leave Hal High, using our enthusiasm towards new and exciting ven-

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Valedictorian challenges 2007 class to keep effecting positive change in the world

from page 10

tures. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Mr. Mandela is right. We are now greatly equipped to effect great change in the world. What potential we have in this room to make a difference in the global community! With the privilege we have been granted to live in this safe, peaceful, affluent society, with access to higher education, we have a duty to give back and make things better for everyone, particularly for those who are not as tremendously fortunate as we are.

All of us can make a difference in the world by striving for personal integrity and looking outward to the needs of others. No one is perfect, and we must always strive to be our best selves in what we do and especially how we deal with each other. So smile more. Complain less. Be honest with ourselves. Be honest with others. Personal integrity is the foundation for all of the potential good we can do.

In our own families, our relationships will evolve as we leave home, but we can positively embrace these changing relationships by simply staying in touch with our families if we are going away, or by reaching out to family members we haven't seen in a long time, showing that we care by the effort of keeping them part of our lives. We are also going to need to reach out to our friends. We are all human, and we will stumble at different points in our life. We cannot abandon those of us who may fall on hard times. It is then that they will need us most. We can help the world one person at a time. No one is perfect, and everyone has times in their lives they are broken. It is our job to understand this fact, and to treat everyone equally and with respect, helping people up when we see them fall.

Some people may hide the fact that they are broken to protect themselves, but in

truth we are all incomplete just trying to become whole. Those whose vulnerabilities are impossible to hide are sometimes judged as not belonging to mainstream society, and are only classified as weak or "disabled" and then forgotten. It is our job to include these people in our communities, and to help them feel a sense of belonging in our lives. Doing this will make us, and them, less broken.

Our education will help us to change things for the better once we get to the workplace. It could be as easy as being compassionate to those around us, or using our education for the greater good, to achieve global objectives.

Many of our graduates are moving to other communities over the next few years, and I hope that they will bring to their new communities what they brought to this high school: ambition and eagerness. With these two tools, plus their education, they will be set to effect positive change in their community. The class of 2007 has already been presented with ways with which they can use their education to change the world for the better. We can continue where we left off with school. A new and pressing issue is what is happening to our environment. Our planet is in trouble because of our poor stewardship. Let's treat every day like it was Earth Day. We have one life to live, and one planet for that life and the lives of future generations. Our planet gives us so much, and in turn all we are doing is destroying it. Just like every one of us, our planet is broken. We should aspire to fix and leave the earth in a better condition than in which we found it.

So I challenge all of the students in the class of 2007 to keep effecting positive change towards the world, because if we don't, who is there to change things for the better? We have all of the tools necessary to make the world a better place, all we need is a little enthusiasm.

Thank you.

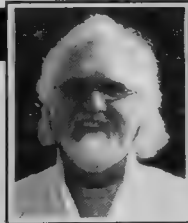
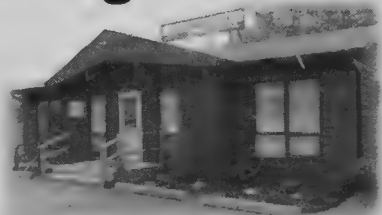


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Love of Canada is on parade

by BILL CHADWICK
Race Director

Minden's Crazy Raft Race drew a record crowd, and a record turnout of crazy rafters.

"We are very pleased with this year's race and everyone seemed to have fun," said Councillor and Canada Day Master of Ceremonies Peter Oyler. A total of 110 rafters (and two dogs) paddled 21 creative creations down the Gull River, turning the quiet waters into a friendly froth.

First to finish was a crew from 12 Mile Lake, Adam Clarke and Mik Heckhaus paddling "The Great Canadian Rocket Racer", followed closely by Susan and David Eracles from Mountain Lake on "Mountain Milers." The third place raft was a crazy tub boat made of cardboard



Matt James/TIMES

The first to finish the Crazy River Raft Race on Canada Day in Minden was a crew from 12 Mile Lake, Adam Clarke and Mik Heckhaus paddling "The Great Canadian Rocket Racer."

and covered in a waterproof canvas sheet.

There was strong competition for the most original raft, with creative creations ranging from a two-bicycle powered raft, a giant paddle wheeler, and the reigning champions on their creation "Moore Lake Rocks". In the end the prize went to the Minden Fire Department's outhouse-pow-

ered creation captained by Gavin Gartshore. Fortunately for the fire department, the finish line was the bridge in downtown Minden, as their full-sized outhouse failed to make it under the bridge without doing a back flip.

The prize for the most creative raft went to Andrew Mann, \s crew on the raft "Canadian Luau", complete with a Hawaiian palm tree replica. The winner had stiff competition from the "Happy Face" team captained by Colin Doust, and the team named "Smiles on Mountain Lake" led by Alyssa Denyer.

Enthusiasm was high from all crews but the prize for the most enthusiastic crew was won by an MNR Ranger team from

the Moose Lake Girls Ranger Camp.

Race Directors Bill and Linda Chadwick were very pleased with the event, and thanked everyone who helped make the event a success, including Roy and Heather Haig on registration, Laura Cunliffe on logistics, Nichole O'Connor (who designed and produced the award plaques), the OPP safe boating crew, Minden Amateur Radio Club, and all who worked tireless hours building rafts.

The race is attracting entries from a growing range of nearby communities, and teams are already planning to build even crazier creations for next year's race so the word to bored cottage kids of all ages is "Start building!"

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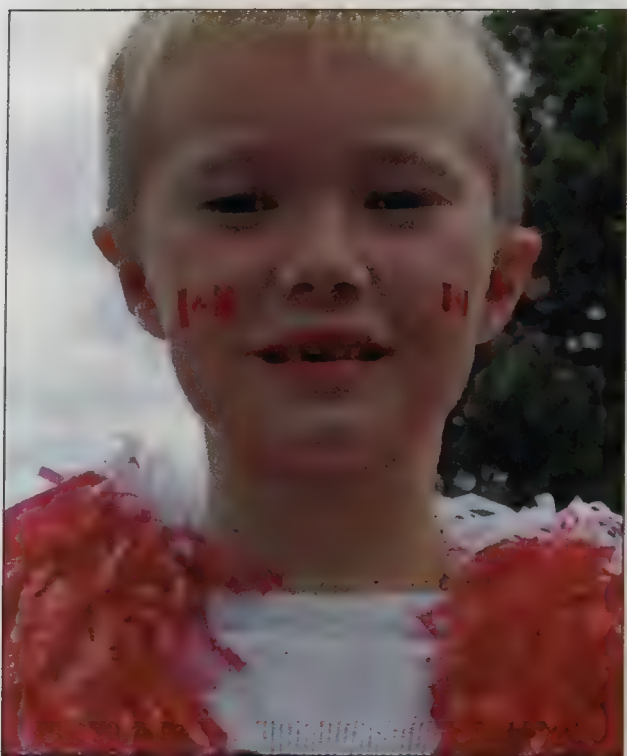
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6-year-old Cody Clark from Little Britain sports a flag on each cheek.



Draped in Canadiana, Ameriah Faulkner, 6, Barrie, cottages on Sharon Lake and celebrates Canada Day in style.

What's red and white and fun all over?



Jim and Lynn Tucker of Port Sydney, Ontario show their 57' Pontiac Super Chief.



Rubber ducky you're the one...hundred. Hundreds of ducks race down Gull River.



The energetic and intrigued Joshua Deboer, 17 months, is thrilled as he pets a Pyrenees Mountain dog.

Overcast weather conditions and a cool breeze couldn't put a damper on the Canada Day celebrations in Minden. Hundreds of cottagers and residents gathered on Sunday, July 1 in downtown Minden to celebrate Canada's 140th birthday. Crowds of patriotic people dressed in red and white sporting Canada's colours; faces, clothes and hats.

By 11 a.m. Water St. had welcomed 80 classic cars registered for the Haliburton Highlands Travellers Classic Cars display, as some on-lookers experienced a blast from the past while others the ogled the automobiles for the first time.

Popcorn, balloons, minnow races, a petting zoo, bouncy castles, radical reptiles and face painting kept the children happy as the Canada Day crowd anticipated the annual Crazy River Raft Race, which saw more than 110 participants and 21 creative and hilarious boats. With a nightcap consisting of live music and fireworks the Minden crowd were pleased with another successful Canada Day celebration.

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Canada Day Committee member Ed Litwin, aka 'Stretch', sees a little more than the rest of us.

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Kawartha ATV riders now allowed on Haliburton trails

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the exchange undesirable to Highland riders. "They'll let us use one little wee section but we effectively have to give them access to all Haliburton County. Quite frankly it doesn't make sense," Coles said.

However, Kawarthas' parent group, the Eastern Ontario ATV Association, does offer many trails that local riders would like to use. With this in mind, Haliburton's association proposed that both groups, with many trails under their belt, honour one another's passes.

The idea sounds strong in theory but members from Eastern Ontario have not even entertained it. Haliburton's group has sent them draft copies of a potential agreement, with no response from the other club. Coles hoped that by standing firm, pressure from Kawartha riders and council would prompt them to reconsider the exchange.

"We think it would be quite possible if the county would stand behind us," he said.

Last Wednesday, council showed it was

not willing to join forces with them. Instead of passing a motion that would support the Haliburton club's stance, Deputy-reeve Bill Davis of Dysart et al took a break from the meeting to redraft a motion while other discussions took place.

When he returned to council chambers, he had a motion in hand that allowed Kawartha riders to come north for the rest of 2007, regardless of the number of trails they had to offer the people of Haliburton. He said that until the Eastern Ontario association co-operates, another plan has to be made.

He said he would not be swayed by the threat to end maintenance work on the Rail Trail. "I will volunteer my services for this time period," Davis said.

Davis will have a busy schedule ahead of him if he plans to step in where Haliburton's ATV association leaves off. At the end of this month, members had planned to re-deck several bridges on the trail. They also warden it at several different crossings each weekend, pour calcium on the trail, and perform two major clean up sessions a year.

"Obviously we don't want to make



Mark Coles is not happy with county's decision to allow Kawartha ATV Association members to use Haliburton trails. Haliburton ATV Association riders are allowed to use Kawartha trails, but Coles feels it is not a fair trade because there are so few trails in the Kawartha district.

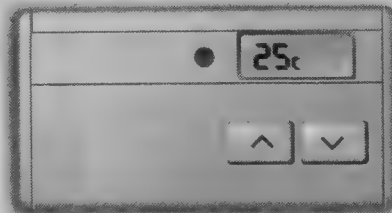
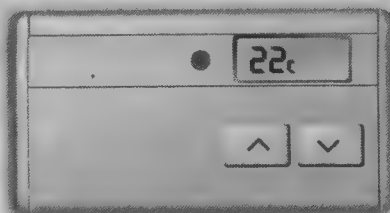
that investment if other groups can come up and cause chaos without making a contribution," Coles said.

Since Haliburton members pay to insure the trail, they are leery of hosting an influx of new riders. Now that council

has allowed those Kawartha riders to come, Coles predicts more ATV traffic on the roads, and more confusion on the Rail Trail.

"This is going to be a real dog's breakfast when it comes out," he said.

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Have you bowled lately? Have fun at the Carnarvon Bowl. Pool tables, arcade games, and my personal favourite - air hockey. Open 7 days a week; for the summer months - always a great time out. Their phone number is 489-4216.

Mark your calendars for July 14 at 9 a.m. at the Zion United Church. This is the day for their annual lawn and bake sale, this year they are featuring Bar-B-Que peameal on a bun along with muffins, coffee, tea and cold drinks.

Thursday night movie at the Stanhope Community Hall is "Over the Hedge". It starts at 7 p.m. with Heather Ludlow on hand with more neat stuff. Admission by donation and as always the popcorn is free.

To get your name on the Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt, call Sharon

Middlehurst at 705-286-1531. Be part of this historical event. For just \$15 per individual or organization or \$25 for business you can have your name embroidered on the quilt. You also are allowed up to a full page to tell your story in an album which will accompany this quilt when displayed at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. This beautiful quilt was designed by our own Carnarvonite Dale Jewett.

But the best part is that all donations are going to the Cottage Dreams cancer recovery, enabling families to have time away together to celebrate their cancer recovery.

The following was brought to my attention by our wise and very observing neighbour, Fred

Gregory. He calls it: The Stone Men of the Haliburton Highlands.

"These pesky creatures have been seen again in the region of Carnarvon. Eyewitness accounts have confirmed they are still very shy and quiet and are usually



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found in large family and community groups. "E a c h attempt to build a new

house or business in the area usually turns up several of their clans. They seem to congregate around the area being dug for the foundations and just sit there and watch the work in progress and get in the way of the workers.

"The local residents owe a big thank you to Keith Thomas and his crew for their valiant efforts at trucking large groups of the Stone clans back into the lesser explored regions and dumping them off to make out on their own. As more roads are built into the hinterlands of Haliburton the territorial claims of the Stone Men continue to shrink in size but their numbers seem to grow, the most obvious to tourists are the large tribes that totally encase hills and outlooks.

"Owner of the local marina reports that the underwater Stone Heads are still attacking unwary boaters and doing a lot of

damage to keels and fragile sides of the canoes and boats on our local lakes and rivers. So watch out folks, their tribes outnumber us by mega counts.

"Chris at the Carnarvon Bowl says he's not worried, his bowling balls are distant cousins of the Stone Men so he feels quite safe.

"Local restaurants - The Pepper Mill, The Millpond and That Place in Carnarvon - have come to an understanding with the Rock Garden Clan and provide them with a refreshing respite as well as beautiful colourful flowers to adorn their otherwise stony outlook.

"Chipped and starred wind shields attesting to the never ending encounters with the flying Missile Stones on the cottage and side roads in the area, are cause for a friendly warning to drive carefully and don't tailgate."

Now we are informed, thanks to Fred Gregory. Can you relate? Anything to add?

Next week, Fred is going to further keep us in touch with more information about the offspring of Stones and Rocks called "Pebbles".

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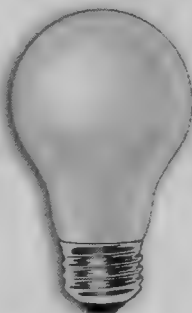
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The Haliburton Highlands OPP says that an ATV was

proceeding down the Brady Lake Road when it left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver of the vehicle, Omana West, 34 years of Michigan, and a passenger Loc Nguyen, 26 years of Etobicoke, were taken by ambulance to the Minden hospital suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

The investigation is continuing.

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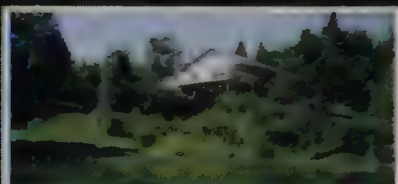
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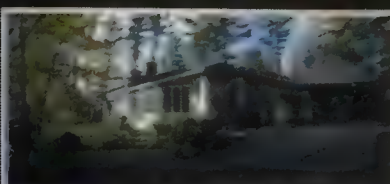
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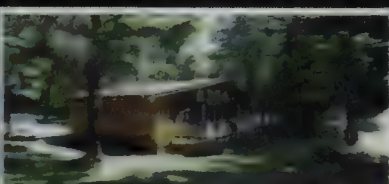
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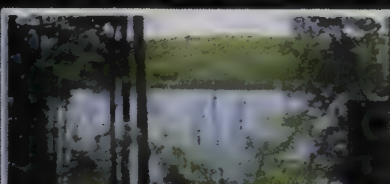
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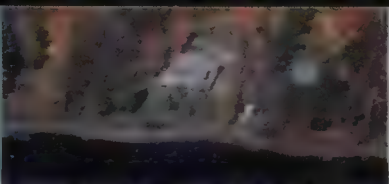
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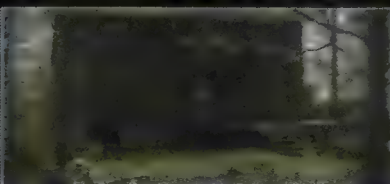
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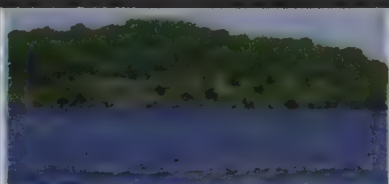
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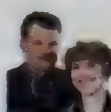
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Learning from signs that make us smile

Signage and "curb appeal" strategies to attract visitors up the hill off Main Street are current issues for the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace so we always watch for new ideas when out driving. Recently while passing through Cookstown to the Stratford Festival, a green sign over the Gandy Dancer Tavern" caught my eye and still brings a smile. It read "Warm Beer - Bad Food - Sorry, We're Open."

Gord Kidd and his band will lead off the Music in the Park series this Thursday, July 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. A different artist or group will be featured every Thursday evening during July and August with the Haliburton Highlands Concert Band on deck for July 12. Appreciation is extended to the Kinmount & District Lions Club for sponsoring this program. Bring along those lawn chairs.

Woodcarver Bruce Van Beek will be the featured artisan in the 2007 Summer Weekend Art Shows this Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount Railway Station. In the brochure Bruce says one of his favourite subject matters is carving faces even though he can't draw them. "Somehow



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they just seem to emerge merrily out of the wood." Be sure to see his work both on display and in progress.

The Kinmount area churches will hold their annual Cemetery Decoration Day on Sunday, July 8 at the Kinmount cemeteries beginning at 2 p.m. [705-488-2222].

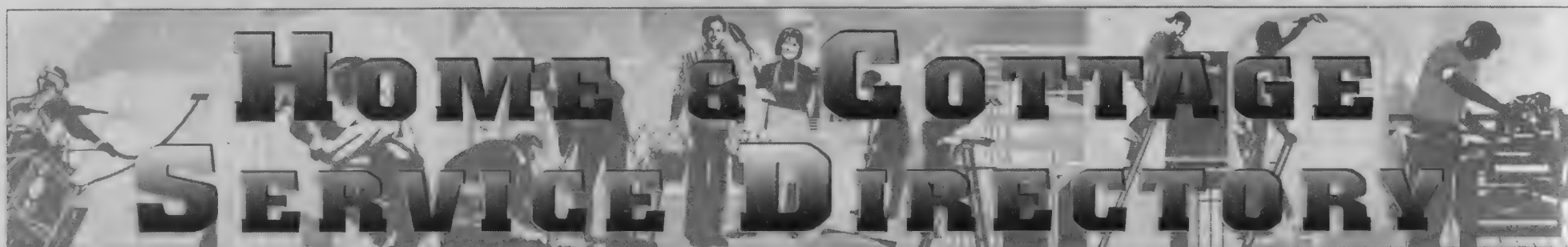
Strawberry lovers this is for you. On Saturday, July 7 there will be a Strawberry Supper at the Galway Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The Hall is on Galway Road east off Cty. Rd 121 south of Kinmount. The Kinmount Legion Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Strawberry Supper the following Saturday, July 14 at the Legion from 4:30 to 7 p.m..

The 5th annual Garden Tour, sponsored by the Kinmount Community Centre Management Board, will

be held on Saturday, July 14 with the six featured gardens open to welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tour Passports are \$10 in advance or \$12 on Tour day. Advance tickets are available at several local businesses including Austin's Lumber, Tim-br Mart, Foodtown and Shop 'N Save or at the Gazebo [Railway Station] from 10 a.m. on the tour day. Afterwards all participants - visitors, hosts and helpers - are invited back at 4 p.m. to the Community Centre for refreshments. Not only is this a very enjoyable event but also an important fundraiser for the Community Centre.

The Kinmount & Area Business Association's popular annual Moonlight Mania will hit Kinmount on Saturday, July 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with kids events and a Kids of All Ages Talent Show. Vendors are wanted and the cost of space is by donation. Call Ed White at 488-1842 to reserve your spot.

Speaking of businesses a warm Kinmount welcome is extended to the new owners of the Laundomat and Slice of the North Pizza on Main Street. Tony McNichol, Peter Gautreau and their staff invite you to drop by and say hello.



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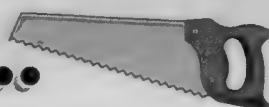
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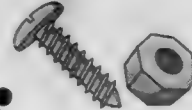


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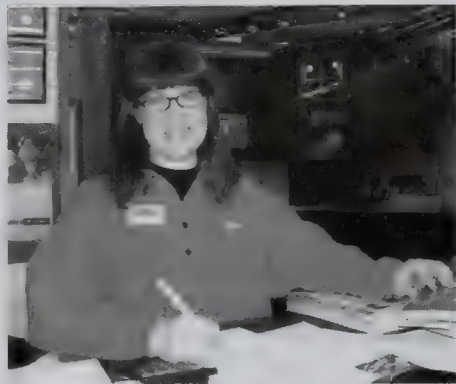
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- **June 21:** "Everyone's Hero" - Rating: G. Township of Algonquin Highlands Family Movie Night - Every Thursday night, until Aug., 7 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Hall on North Shore Rd. Admission & popcorn is free, other snacks are avail. for purchase. Money donations are greatly appreciated & go toward recreation equip. Decorate a cookie with drawings of your favorite sports! The most creative cookie wins a delicious prize. (Plus, you get to eat the cookie!) For more info. call the Dorset Rec Centre at 766-9968.
- **June 21:** Free beginner Flatwater Kayaking Session. Health for Life & Boatwerks Kayak Shop offer free session for people who want to learn how to kayak. No experience required, & all equip. supplied. Held at Minden's Horseshoe Lake Beach. For time & to Pre-register call Boatwerks at 457-3737.
- **June 23:** Extendicare Annual Wheelchair Rally - To raise money for the Alzheimer's Society & the Proud Pioneers of Extendicare. It will be held Saturday, starting at Extendicare Haliburton, 167 Park St., beginning at 10 a.m. & ending with a BBQ back at the residence. Anyone wishing to push a wheelchair or to donate, please contact Barbara Menzies, 457-1722.
- **June 23:** Maple Lake United Church - Strawberry Supper. 2 sittings: 5-6:30 p.m. For tickets call Merrie 754-2258 or Marilyn 754-9218.
- **June 23:** Free Gardening Seminars, 10 a.m. every Sat. until July 28. Gifts from the Garden - Part 1. Learn to make herb vinegars. Great gift ideas for Holidays and Birthdays. 1765 Essonville Line, Wilberforce at Nature Girl Nursery. Follow Hwy. 118 East from Haliburton to Essonville Line. No registration required.
- **June 23:** Mountain Lake Events - Annual General Meeting. Saturday, Coffee 9:30 a.m., meeting 10 a.m., Twin Lakes Resort.
- **June 23:** Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Assoc. Inc. Annual General Meeting. Held at the Clubhouse - Minden Wild Water Preserve; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Refreshments will be served. (Please bring your own mug.) Councillors have been invited. Guest Speaker: Gary Atkins, WRAFT - a watchdog group formed as a reaction to the taxation system.
- **June 23:** The Yorkminstrels Show Choir is coming to Haliburton United Church on Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets avail. at the church office, 457-1891 and at the Ethel Curry Gallery. This community choir, costumed and choreographed, will present music from musicals such as Evita, Phantom of the Opera & Oklahoma. This is a fundraiser for the Haliburton United Church Building Fund.
- **June 23:** Ingoldsby United Church Women are holding their annual Strawberry Supper, from 4-7 p.m. There will also be a bazaar & a bake table from 2 p.m. on. Call Lois at 286-6211 or Judy at 457-2834 for more details.
- **June 23:** Kawartha ATV Association is holding a ride to the Victoria Forest on Sat., at 9 a.m. Meet at the Fire Station in burnt River. Will be having lunch in Kinmount. For more information please call Eric Cross 324-9904.
- **June 24:** Heart & Stroke Foundation's 1st Annual Haliburton Walk for Heart - 1 or 5 km. Walk. Sun., 2 p.m. Sir Sandford Fleming Haliburton Campus. Pledge forms avail. at front desk of the college or Marty's Health Food Store, or in Minden at Leitha's Sweets & Treats or My Size Ladies' Fashions. For more info. call Wendy at 457-2704 or H&S office at 1-866-446-5401.
- **June 24:** Kawartha Settlers' Village is holding an "Open House" and "Strawberry Social", Sunday, at 1-4 p.m., 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon. Admission by donation. For more info call (705) 738-6163 or email settlersvillage@nexus.net
- **June 25:** Blood Donor Clinic - Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **June 26:** Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents - Annual General Meeting. Held in the "Great Hall" at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Tues., 6:30 p.m. Refreshments 7:00 Meeting begins. Kids on the Block Puppet Show. RSVP Janet O'Mara by Friday, 457-5345 ext. 306, janeto@pointintime.ca
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **TOPS** - Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men & the women who love them are welcome. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild** meets on the second Tues. of each month at the Pritchard House across from the post office. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome.
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- **"Living with Cancer"** a group for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, recently or in the

LAURA HENDRICK/Times



Katie Hayes, 10, catches her breath after leaping countless times into the Gull River last Friday evening. Katie was joined by her two brothers Brandon and Jesse who splashed about in the water while the Highland Wind Symphony played behind them.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; C.P. 13 as amended, for the purpose of amending the Zoning By-law 06-10.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 26, 2007
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario
Applicant: John and Joanne STEWART (Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd. - Agent)
File No.: RZ-07-06

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 34(13)

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 06-10 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 10, in the Geographic Township of Minden from the Shoreline Residential (SR), to the Shoreline Residential Exception (SR*) Zone. As a condition of consent, it is proposed to zone all of the subject lands under an appropriate Zone. The purpose of the exception is to recognize that each lot has less frontage and area than required in By-law 06-10. It will recognize that the setbacks for existing dwelling units and accessory buildings do not conform with the setbacks in By-law 06-10, but allow the buildings to continue in their current location.

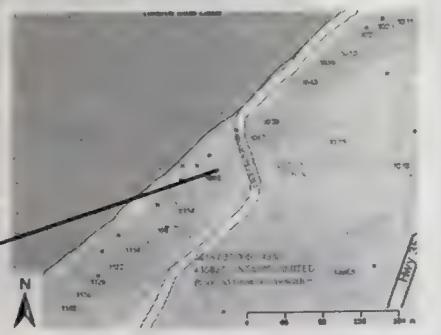
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the applications. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Planning Administrator.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: July 4, 2007
(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator
Township of Minden Hills
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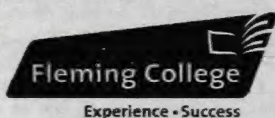
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Engagement



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Wedding to take place in Minden
July 21, 2007
Dance at 8:00 pm
Minden Community Centre

Deaths

HART, Reginald 'Reg' - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, June 30, 2007. In his 90th year.

Beloved husband of Doris for 60 years. Dear brother of Lillian, Tom, Sylvia, Bob and predeceased by Fred, Ellen, Rose, Edith, Bill, Alice, John, Marg, Doreen, Ron and Walter. Fondly remembered by Suzie Quinn and by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden KOM 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday, July 2, 2007 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home.

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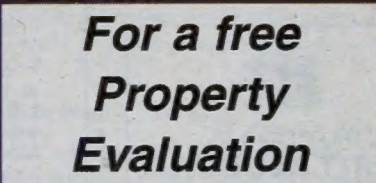
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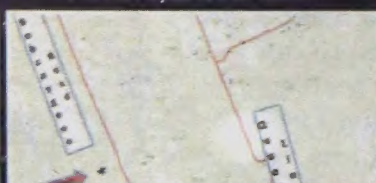
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